

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Does Anyone Care?

The Student Senate Elections are upon us once again. Although as of last Friday, the candidates hadn't even heard about them. So how in God's name will the students know what the Hell is going on?

The Election was scheduled for yesterday and today September 29 and 30.

With the election so near one might assume that the candidates would be willing to debate, so the student body would know who stands for what and why. Unfortunately at a debate scheduled for September 23rd, none of the 21 candidates showed up. If the candidates don't show up to debate, do they deserve to be candidates in the first place?

The Student Body should be aware of what's going on these days. And these 21 candidates for 18 seats will vote on allocating funds to student organizations. Who's kidding who? If they aren't responsible enough to show up for a debate how can a student body place its school in their hands?

The current president was elected with 307 votes. 307 Votes out of a student body of 5,000. But student senate candidates must obtain 100 signatures to run. Something seems to be a little awkward, and the record should be put straight immediately.

Drugs: Life in the Family

by Conrad

My first reaction after hearing of a group known as The Family was one of envy. The name led me to think of the group as a theatrical organization so, out of curiosity, I made a brief check into the situation.

I discovered that The Family is something really special, and after a brief ray session with its co-ordinator, Mrs. Alva Nguyen Boy, I came to the conclusion that the organization consists of four real people who give a damn.

Dr. King, our "nostalgic man," inspired The Family, in June of 1970, after he had met the E.C.C. students who were coming

to the health service center for Dr. Fan. Things really got rolling when an ex-student was hired to counsel E.C.C. students who were involved in drugs.

The ex-student and Dr. Kinglow got it together so good that considers. Rutgers students as well as non-students, really got involved with the E.C.C. Family. The Family is not just a "rap session" of guys and girls who use, or were, hooked on drugs. It's an education beyond your wildest dream.

The law is not involved and you can even get guidance on how to utilize outside agencies.

EXECUTIVE

BOARDS

ELECTION RESULTS

NAME VOTES PARTY

PRESIDENT

Vincent Jacques 307 F.U.S.
David Taylor 211 A.P.
Charles Clark 110 Ind.
Butch Stead 28 Ind.

VICE PRESIDENT

Alvin Richards 302 A.P.
Frank Bridges 301 F.U.S.

SECRETARY

Maureen Worth 304 A.P.
Janette Underwood 11 Ind.

CONTROLLER

Sandra Miller 311 F.U.S.
W.T. Harris 302 A.P.

CHIEF JUSTICE

Lillian Price 304 F.U.S.
Joan Price 302 A.P.

PARTIES:
F.U.S. For Unity's Sale
A.P. The Action Party

By the way membership is not just for addicts or ex-addicts. It's for anyone who gives a damn and wants to lead a helping hand.

As I mentioned earlier, my check into The Family was brief, but further information can be obtained daily in The Family headquarters room from 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM. Dial 621-2200 Ext. 221.

International Association of University Presidents, an exchange of educational ideas between the countries. In his speech he warned that the nations should not take from the American educational system as though it were ideal and universally acceptable.

"Extract from so what you think is good and reject that which you think is bad, even as regards our very thinking process. Get beyond the veneer and view us in the light as expressed by Dr. Faure's cogent words when he was talking of the differences in mass media that seem to us come from a country."

America-The United States of America-a country that is multi-ethnic in its composition and which is experiencing a most recent different emphasis as a consequence of black identification."

During the interview he further stated, trying to bring it into focus, "That which is good" (Cont. on Page 11)

Executive Board Chosen During Spring Term

By Jim Rotunda

On June 24 and 25 an election was held for Executive Board positions in the Student Government Association. The winners were: Vincent Jacques, President; Alvin Richards, Vice President; Maureen Worth, Secretary; Sandra Miller, Controller; Lillian Price, Chief Justice. A total of 306 students voted.

The great majority cast their votes for the students running on one of the two slates as opposed to independent candidates.

The slate called "For Unity's Sale" received most of the votes although the Action Party was two of four contests running Maureen Worth unsupported by the other slate and getting many votes across party lines for Alvin Richards.

The election, however, is being challenged on legal and moral grounds by many students who think it unfair that the voting took place during the Spring semester.

In the spring, enrollment was down from the usual 5000 students attending class to only 2200. Adding credibility to the challenge is the fact that the majority of students who attend school during the fall and winter semesters only and keep their student status through the spring and summer were not notified that the election were to be held.

Director of Student Activities, Robert Crawford, points out that student participation in the election was 18 percent (786 voting out of 2200 then attending classes) as opposed to 15 percent in the previous Executive Board election. However, due to the great reduction in numbers of people attending class in the spring session the actual vote that elected the student Government President was down from 478 cast in the Winter of 1970 to 307 cast in this past election, a reduction of 34 percent.

Perhaps the strongest charge against the election is that concerning its legality.

Article III Section 33 of the Constitution that the new student

government is functioning under states: "The Executive Board shall be elected by the student body on or before March 23 within the winter semester."

One may argue that the present Constitution, having not been as yet ratified by the students, was not then and is not now in effect. However, according to Hector Flores, former Student Government Association president, the Constitution which was in effect before the one quoted from read the same on the question of when student government elections should be held.

We can further note that if the previous Constitution was not in effect at the time of the Executive Board Election, then the elections were held for a group which was legally nonexistent.

At least one student is pursuing a petition demanding that the election be held again.

Also the Student Government's relations with national Student Organizations may be in jeopardy. A spokesman for the United States National Student Association, which claims to work for fairness in student governments and issues charters to member student governments, said that the NSA did not have rules for how its member schools should conduct its elections for Student Government officers but he turned the recent student government association elections on "clearly unethical and against NSA principles." He went on to say that he did not know if E.C.C.'s Student Government Association was a member of NSA but if it was, the holding of the election in the spring term could be grounds for revoking its charter.

Students Trip to Class

are scheduled on after another.

The buildings don't exactly present the perfect learning conditions either. At 842 Broad Street a large classroom is divided by a blackboard.

In the BKO we use the delightful eighth floor with the auditorium that has the worst acoustics and ceiling painted with clouds. Not a very inviting atmosphere.

Still we are subject to learning in these sections of our institute of higher learning.

by Ken Bass and Joanne Garcia
Dr. J. Harry Smith, President of E.C.C., spent four weeks this summer visiting the newly developing countries of Africa. Mr. Smith was appointed as a member of President Nixon's advisory committee on adult education as a representative of the American Association of Junior Colleges.

His tour included the nations of Senegal, Liberia, the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Dahomey, and Nigeria.

When asked what impressions were left him by his visit, he spoke on two major issues: The American Educational System and its applicability to these countries, and the lack of self determination formed by previous colonial powers within these nations.

Pres. Smith said, "It was disconcerting to me to find that so little had been done in the countries I visited by the previous colonial powers as regards the standard of living and literacy attainment; and I was further disconcerted to see that the impact of self-determination had not fully begun to permeate the total fabric of the nations."

"But," he went on to say, "there is much progress being made and nations are shaking the shackles of colonialism and beginning to develop their own identifications, separate and distinct from past history."

In Monrovia, Liberia, he presented a speech to the



J. HARRY SMITH

Essex and Its ECCO

When Essex County College opened its doors for the first time in September of 1968, over so many of the school extra-curricular activities were well underway. Such an activity was the Essex, the student newspaper of Essex County College.

The Essex staff was formed during the hot and sticky summer months that preceded the school's opening. Its founders were a group of young people who made use of their time and talents to bring about the birth of the Essex.

On September 26, 1968, the Essex became public information for some 2,500 students attending Essex County College.

The Essex's first year of publication was both dramatic and stormy. Its office was constantly being invaded by students who disagreed with the Essex's so-called "racial" articles and opinions. Some staff members were even threatened with physical abuse if they continued to expose the truth.

However, no amount of threats succeeded in dampening the spirit and aspirations of a very dedicated group of young journalists. Their dedication carried the Essex newspaper through fourteen publications and on to an award for Journalistic Style presented to the Essex by the International Press Bureau.

The Essex entered its second year of publication in a state of adversity. Not only did it face financial deficiency, but personality conflicts began to take their toll on the effectiveness of the Essex's publications. However, the newspaper's greatest crisis came in Nov. of 1969, when its leading editor, Robert M. Musick, was forced to resign from the position of Editor-In-Chief. This action came as a complete surprise to the entire Essex staff, thus adding to the state of adversity.

The sudden vacancy to the Executive position set in motion the undercurrent for what some people may classify as a "power struggle" for the vacant position. The so-called "power struggle" was soon eliminated by the appointment of an Editorial Board, whose duty was to govern the operations of the Essex until an official election could be held. The board consisted of Jeffrey Shapiro, Business Manager of the Essex, Gary Luciano Sports Editor of the Essex and Douglas Ryan Assistant Editor of the Essex.

On December 12, 1969, an official election was held for the vacant Executive position. On December 13, 1969, Douglas Ryan accepted the position of Editor-In-Chief of the Essex.

During that publication year the Essex expanded from an eight page newspaper to a ten and sometimes even a twelve pager. In March of the same year, the Essex placed second in the annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association contest. Two months later, on April, 15, 1970, Douglas Ryan was named Editor-In-Chief of the Year by the New Jersey Collegiate Teacher and Journalist Association. On June 4, 1970, Mr. Ryan placed second in the Collegiate's National Editorial Contest.

The third publication year of the Essex, was a complete repetition of its second award winning year. The Essex was variously awarded for its journalistic style and coverage. Various members of the Essex staff were given recognition for their individual talents as young journalists.

Now it's the beginning of a new publication year for the Essex. hopes, spirit and aspirations are high and once again it will be young student journalists who will guide the Essex to bigger and greater publications.

Financial Aid?

by Richard L. Palone

With the opening of the 11-12 academic year at Essex County College, we have found ourselves in a state of confusion, especially those students who depend on financial aid awards to survive in the student world and the world in general.

In the past, a student on financial aid knew that during the first week of the semester his financial needs for school would be taken care of. But during the first few weeks of the current semester we have been caught in a period of confusion and uncertainty as to what's going on with the disbursement of financial aid awards to dependent students.

Many of us have been awarded money to pay tuition and to buy books and supplies. Also money students' parents cover the cost of transportation, lunches, living expenses and other personal needs. As of yet, no students have received any disbursement of these financial aid awards.

The questions that are being asked by a majority of ECC students are, "What is going on in financial aid?" "What is happening to our money?"

If the administration and the financial aid department does not come up with more answers to our questions or produce more money to aid students who are suffering from the need for help with their financial problems in order to gain an adequate education at Essex, our school could find itself caught in the midst of a student rebellion like those that have plagued so many colleges across our nation.

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Musings On Theatre

by Daniel F. Quire

This column is addressed to my fellow students who have never been to a theatre. If I accomplish nothing else this year, I want to give you the desire to see something.

Contrary to popular belief, the Theatre does not cost an arm and a leg. You can secure \$2, \$5, and \$4 tickets for almost any show. (Big musicals are generally excepted.) Many people do not realize that tourists flock to New York just to attend the Theatre. How can we ignore the Theatre, when we live 20 minutes away?

Many schools are finally realizing the need for some sort of cultural background. A prime local example is the Newark College of Engineering, which now operates a Music and Drama Department, the argument being that engineers should know more than just math. Substitute any profession for engineer and the axiom still holds true.

The Black student may question the relevance of Theatre to his life. Charles Gordone won a Pulitzer Prize for his unusual play, "No Place to Be Somebody". Other superb Black oriented shows are "Purlie", "The Me Nobody Knows", and, in a sense, "Hair".

The question of relevancy also seems to engate itself. How can one deny the value of Theatre with a brilliant show like "Hair" or "Lesly"?

The most conservative name may submit "Company" as a show for today. We cannot underestimate anything. Theatre is fun, a condition which most cynical undergrads seem to forget.

Established performing companies like The Repertory Theatre of Lincoln Center, The New York City Opera, City Ballet and Joffrey Ballet are among their experience in students. They have refined their productions to use the most modern, innovative, and stimulating current theatrical techniques. Can a student audience be far behind?

In future columns, I will be more explicit with my reviews, mentioning productions which should interest and stimulate you, the student. In the meantime go see "Lesly", or "Company" or "Purlie", for two dollars. You won't be the same.

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

1. Announcement of New Senate - to be posted
2. OMEGA XI KAPPA talent show - JROD Proctor Theater
Soccer Scrimmage - Gloucester
Cross Country meet - Gloucester
3. Seawater of New Senate
Honoring - Brother Seawater - Faculty Lounge
7. Black Union Meeting Rm. 1013
Girl's track team Meeting Rm. 1013
Cross Country Meeting - Mercer: Home
8. Soccer Scrimmage - Atlantic
Cross Country Meet - Atlantic & Brookdale
12. Rock Concert "Bronx Cargo" - Student Lounge
Soccer Scrimmage (Bergen) Home
Cross Country Meet (Bergen) Home
14. Black Union Meeting Rm. 1013
15. Indian Musical Concert JROD Proctor - featuring Ghosts of the Past
Soccer Scrimmage (Burlington) Home
16. Cross Country Meet Home (Burlington) Somerset Nassau
18. Jazz - Rock Concert - Student Lounge "Black Abyss"
Soccer Scrimmage - Morris C.C.
Cross Country Meet - Morris C.C.
21. Black Union Meeting - Rm. 1013
Pep Club Bake Sale - 4th floor
22. Soccer Scrimmage - Mercer
Cross Country Meet (3666) Home
23. Drama Workshop - Columbia "What's Going On"
27. Soccer Scrimmage (Middlesex)
Cross Country Meet (Camden)
28. Black Union Meeting Rm. 1013
29. Mid-Term Reports Due Registrar's Office
30. Soccer Scrimmage (Ocean) Home GSAC Championships, Morris

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